

WE ARE WARNER

What?	VOTE – School Bond Proposal
When?	March 2, 2021
Who?	All Registered Voters – Living in the Warner Public School District Boundary
Where?	Vote at Regular Voting Precinct
Bond Total?	\$750,000
Bond Term?	4 Year Term

New Building #1: @ Elementary Site

1. New Band Room – 50' x 60' – (Almost 3X's Size of Current Room)
Band Office
Band Storage Room
2. New Elementary PE Dedicated Space – 50' x 90'
PE Office
PE Storage Room

New Building #2: @ MS/HS Site

1. New Cheer Room & Cheer Locker Room – 50' x 70'
Cheer Coaches Office
Cheer Storage Room
2. Open Indoor Activity Space – 100' x 150'
Multiple Use Open Indoor Space – Youth Practices, MS/HS Softball, Baseball, Track, Football, Band Practices. Summer Pride Activities & Camps

Event Center Changes made possible with the New Building Spaces:

- A. Event Center Band Room: Convert to Home Varsity Basketball Locker Rooms (Larger than Current)
- B. Current Varsity Basketball Locker Rooms: Become the Visitor Locker Rooms
- C. Current Visitor Locker Rooms: Convert to Varsity Boys and Girls Wrestling Locker Rooms

Common Questions:

1. *Why do we need additional Band, Elementary PE, Cheer, and Activity space?*

Answer(s):

- a. Our district has grown by 14% (100+) in overall student population since 2013.
- b. Our current Band room is too small for the program. Band is a very popular program in WPS, the current room too small to accommodate the popularity of the program, the new band room will be nearly 3 times the size of the current room. Also adds additional storage space for uniforms and instruments.
- c. Due to our student growth we had to convert the Middle School/High School's Multi Purpose room and Cheer room into additional classrooms. Now that the bond capacity is available we need to replace the Cheer room with a truly dedicated Cheer space and have a Multi Purpose/Activity space for Middle School and High School use.
- d. The dedicated Elementary PE space will serve all elementary students as a truly dedicated PE space as well as a space for recess during bad weather and a multi use space for Elementary school use.
- e. In 2016 we started Boys and Girls Wrestling. To date they have had to share the Event Center locker rooms with any visiting teams for basketball and wrestling. The new building space will allow us to convert current space in the Event Center into new dedicated Boys and Girls Wrestling locker rooms.

2. *Will it raise my property taxes?*

Answer: Yes, this bond is larger than the bond going off the books. In order to meet all of the needs of students and give something new for every PK-12th grade student in Warner Public Schools there will be a 6.46% tax increase. That will equal a yearly increase of \$64.60 for every \$1000 dollars citizens currently pays in property taxes. However, our district's citizens overall tax burden will still be less than the majority of our surrounding school districts.

3. *Is there a bond going off the books?*

Answer: Yes, the 2017 bond for the track, paved parking lots, and new activity bus is nearing completion. It will go off the tax books at the same time the new 2021 bond starts.

4. *How does this benefit the education of our students?*

Answer: Additional school programs simply require more space. Many, many studies show that students that are active and engage in multiple forms of activities do better academically. Since 2013 our district has added and sustained the following programs: Boys and Girls Golf, Art, Cherokee APT, Leadership Team, Boys and Girls Wrestling, Construction Class, Video Production Team, and Choir. Each of these programs has given students new opportunities to be an involved student. During this same time period our students have excelled academically – leading our region on state mandated testing the past 7 years and ranking in the top 5% of all Oklahoma schools on many measures. An engaged student is a successful student. These additional spaces will allow our district to better serve all of our engaging programs for students.

Additional Questions? Please call the school. The school principals and superintendent will gladly answer any questions you may have about the upcoming bond proposal.

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